



The Honorable Mayor Robert Walkup
and Members of the Tucson City Council
c/o City Clerk's Office
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Date: February 28, 2011

Subject: Tucson-Pima County Historical Commission (T-PCHC)
2010 Annual Report

The board would first like to thank the Mayor and Council and the Pima County Board of Supervisors for the opportunity to serve the citizens of Tucson and Pima County. The commission is grateful to the City Clerk for providing clerical support, and in this difficult time, the volunteer commission members, citizens, and other groups committed to the preservation of Tucson's history are stepping up to continue to allow the commission to fulfill its mission. The success of the commission has been greatly enhanced by the team effort practiced by all.

Two files are attached. One summarizes all 2010 T-PCHC activities, and the other lists the "mini grants" that were awarded to worthy historic preservation projects in the community. Many of the funds given for projects allowed groups to leverage additional funds, and in some cases were the deciding factor whether or not a project could move forward.

The volunteer members of the commission donated hundreds of hours in 2010 to meet T-PCHC's mission to further awareness and preservation of historic sites, structures, districts, and character of the City of Tucson, Pima County, and the City of South Tucson.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chair
T-PCHC

Enclosures: 2010 TPCHC Activities
2010 TPCHC Mimi Grants Awarded

T-PCHC Activities

January 2010 to March 2010

- The Tucson-Pima County Historical Commission (T-PCHC) met twice during this reporting period.
- The T-PCHC Budget Subcommittee met once and approved expenditures for the Historic Preservation Awards Ceremony scheduled for May 23, 2010, in the amount of \$1,500.00.
- The T-PCHC Historic Preservation Awards Subcommittee met once to begin their plans for the Historic Preservation Awards Ceremony.
- The T-PCHC Plans Review Subcommittee met six times during this reporting period.
- The T-PCHC Historic Landmark Signs Ad-Hoc Subcommittee worked with Staff in researching an inventory of almost two hundred signs in order for the Historic Landmark Signs Subcommittee to develop the definition of a historic landmark sign. The subcommittee then made a determination of which signs on the list met the definition and were eligible for designation as historic landmark signs.

April 2010 to June 2010

- The Tucson-Pima County Historical Commission (T-PCHC) met twice during this reporting period.
- The T-PCHC Budget Subcommittee met once and approved expenditures listed under 4th Quarter Mini Grants.
- The T-PCHC Historic Preservation Awards Subcommittee met once to finalize their plans for the Historic Preservation Awards Ceremony. They held the Historic Preservation Awards Ceremony on Sunday, May 23, 2010, and approximately 80 people attended the event. The ceremony was held at the Franklin House at 402 N. Main. Chris Carroll and Susan Aiken offered their beautiful historic home downtown to hold the event. Ten awards were presented to individuals who have contributed significantly to historic preservation in Tucson and Pima County.
- Several Subcommittees of the Tucson-Pima County Historical Commission meet on a regular basis: T-PCHC's Plans Review Subcommittee, T-PCHC's Historic Landmark Signs Ad-Hoc Subcommittee, and the T-PCHC's Birthday Celebration Subcommittee.
- Several T-PCHC Commission Members attended the 2010 Statewide Historic Preservation Partnership Conference, which was held May 13 through May 14, 2010, in Flagstaff, Arizona. They are considering holding the 2011 Statewide Historic Preservation Partnership Conference in Tucson. Chair Majewski and former Commission Chair James Ayres taught a workshop on historical-period material culture, and other commissions presented sessions at the conference. Chair Majewski was awarded a Governor's Archaeological Advisory Commission Award in Public Archaeology, Professional Archaeologist category, at the conference.

July 2010 to September 2010

- The Tucson-Pima County Historical Commission (T-PCHC) sponsors an annual flag-raising ceremony to commemorate the establishment of El Presidio de San Agustín del Tucson by Lieutenant Colonel Hugo O'Connor, as described in a letter to the Spanish viceroy on August 20, 1775. This event educates the public by telling about the convergence of cultures that had shaped our community's rich and distinctive heritage. The founding of El Presidio de San Agustín del Tucson 235 years ago marked an important moment for this cultural convergence, and recent archaeological investigations are providing us with new information about the people who first settled this region thousands of years ago. Tucson truly has a long and rich history that is worthy of celebration. Since 1975, the Tucson-Pima County Historical Commission has sponsored this annual celebration with a presentation of the different flags that have flown over the Tucson area throughout its history.

The Commission invites particular historically related organizations to present the flags that have flown over Tucson, as well as the flags of the neighboring Native American tribes - the Tohono O'odham and Pascua Yaqui Nations. The Commission also requests surrounding municipalities and the State of Arizona Governor's Office to participate in a ceremonial signing of a joint proclamation relating to the significance of Tucson's birthday. Live entertainment is provided at the finale, and "birthday" cake is served at the conclusion of the ceremony, all provided by the Commission.

Approximately 150 people attended the 2010 Birthday Celebration, of which 40 actually participated in the event by reading proclamations, signing a joint proclamation, and presenting the various flags. Many staff members from the City Clerk's Office were also in attendance to help with production of the ceremony.

October 2010 to December 2010

- The Tucson Pima County Historical Commission (T-PCHC) met twice during this reporting period.
- The T-PCHC Budget Subcommittee met and approved expenditures listed under 2nd Quarter Mini Grants.
- Several Subcommittees of the Tucson-Pima County Historical Commission met on a regular basis: T-PCHC's Plans Review Subcommittee, met twice in October, and T-PCHC's Historic Landmark Signs Subcommittee met October 7, 2010.
- The T-PCHC learned that most if not all of its funding would be cut by the City in the future. Notwithstanding the City's current financial difficulties, it is felt that this funding cut will seriously prevent the T-PCHC to meet its mission.

- Mayor and Council proposal to generate revenues through new direction on management of City historic properties and making recommendations on how to maintain some level of City funding support for the T-PCHC discussed at the 10/26/10 Mayor and Council Study Session. A task force was proposed consisting of the T-PCHC Chair and five other members to work on generating revenues for the City's Historic Preservation Office and for historic properties.

T-PCHC Mini Grants Awarded 2010

January 2010 to March 2010

- A. The Tucson-Pima County Historical Commission (T-PCHC) approved expenditure for the Historic Preservation Awards Ceremony, scheduled for May 23, 2010, in the amount of \$1,500.00.

April 2010 to June 2010

- A. The Tucson-Pima County Historical Commission (T-PCHC) approved expenditure for assistance in the publication of the Tucson Presidio Trust book titled "Presidio San Agustin del Tucson," in the amount of \$1,670.00.
- B. The Tucson-Pima County Historical Commission (T-PCHC) approved expenditure to cover administrative costs in creating a Multiple Properties Nomination to the National Register of Historic Places, in the amount of \$2,700.00.
- C. The Tucson-Pima County Historical Commission (T-PCHC) approved expenditure for the City of Tucson's 235th Birthday Flag Raising Ceremony, scheduled for August 20, 2010, in the amount of \$2300.00.
- D. The Tucson-Pima County Historical Commission (T-PCHC) approved expenditure to help fund emergency repairs to the Marist College building, in the amount of \$4,800.00.
- E. The Tucson-Pima County Historical Commission (T-PCHC) approved additional funding to help fund emergency repairs to the Marist College building, in the amount of \$800. Per the Commission, this amount was to be determined after expenditures were made for the City's 235th Birthday Flag Raising Ceremony. The amount was to be funds that remained not spent from the \$2,300, which amounted to \$800.

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October 2010 to December 2010

- A. \$700 was awarded to Jeanne B. Turner, Old Fort Lowell Neighborhood Association for the preparation period from August 2010 through February 2011 covering event planning for the 30th La Reunion de El Fuerte and Fort Lowell day on February 12, 2011.